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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
10 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
11 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION
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13 YANGTZE MEMORY TECHNOLOGIES
14 COMPANY, LTD.,

15 Plaintiff,

16 v.

17 MICRON TECHNOLOGY, INC., et al.,

18 Defendants.

19 MICRON TECHNOLOGY, INC.,

20 Counterclaim Plaintiff,

21 v.
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23 YANGTZE MEMORY TECHNOLOGIES
24 COMPANY, LTD., and YANGTZE
MEMORY TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,

25 Counterclaim Defendants.
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Case No. 3:23-cv-05792- RFL

**MICRON'S ANSWER TO YMTC'S
CONSOLIDATED COMPLAINT AND
COUNTERCLAIMS**

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Judge: Hon. Rita F. Lin

1 Defendants Micron Technology, Inc. (“Micron Technology” or “MTI”) and Micron
2 Consumer Products Group LLC (“MCPG”) (collectively “Defendants” or “Micron”), by and
3 through their undersigned counsel, hereby submit this answer to the Consolidated Complaint
4 (“CC”) of Yangtze Memory Technologies Company, Ltd. (“YMTC”), which was filed on
5 September 3, 2024. Counterclaim plaintiff Micron Technology also asserts counterclaims against
6 YMTC and Yangtze Memory Technologies, Inc. (“YMTC Inc.”) (YMTC and YMTC Inc.
7 collectively, “the YMTC Entities”). To the extent not expressly admitted below, Defendants deny
8 each and every allegation of the CC.

9 PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

10 1. Micron admits that YMTC filed its original complaint in this action on November
11 9, 2023 in which it purported to assert claims under United States Patent Nos. 10,950,623,
12 11,501,822, 10,658,378, 10,937,806, 10,861,872, 11,468,957, 11,600,342, and 10,868,031
13 (“YMTC 1”). Micron further admits that YMTC filed another complaint against Micron to
14 commence a second action on July 12, 2024 in which it purported to assert claims under U.S. Patent
15 Nos. 10,879,254, 11,581,322, 10,886,291, 11,482,532, 11,145,666, 11,450,604, 10,672,711,
16 11,101,276, 11,568,941, 10,879,164, and 12,010,838 (“YMTC 2”). Micron admits that it filed a
17 Motion to Consolidate the two cases and that the Court granted the motion on August 21, 2024.
18 Micron admits that YMTC files this Consolidated Complaint pursuant to the Court’s August 21,
19 2024 Order Granting Motion to Consolidate. Except so admitted, Micron denies the allegations of
20 paragraph 1 of the CC.

21 NATURE OF THE ACTION

22 2. Micron is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth
23 of the allegations in the fourth and sixth sentences of paragraph 2 of the CC and, on that basis,
24 denies them. Micron denies the remaining allegations of paragraph 2 of the CC.

25 3. Micron is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth
26 of the allegations in the second sentence of paragraph 3 of the CC and, on that basis, denies them.
27 Micron denies the remaining allegations of paragraph 3 of the CC.

28 4. Micron admits that 3D NAND flash memory is a widely used form of memory, that

1 it is used in a variety of products and solutions, and that competition and innovation are beneficial
2 to society. Except as so admitted, Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 4 of the CC.

3 5. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 5 of the CC.

4 6. Micron admits that YMTC is asserting the “Asserted Patents” against Micron in this
5 lawsuit. Except as so admitted, Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 6 of the CC.

6 **THE PARTIES**

7 7. Admitted.

8 8. Micron admits the first sentence of paragraph 8 of the CC. Micron further admits
9 that it does not contest the propriety of service of process in this action through CSC in Sacramento,
10 California. Except as so admitted, Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 8 of the CC.

11 9. Micron admits that MCPG is a wholly-owned subsidiary of MTI, that it is organized
12 under the laws of the State of Delaware, and that it has a principal place of business at 110 Holger
13 Way, San Jose, California 95134. MCPG further admits that it does not contest the propriety of
14 service of process in this action through CSC in Sacramento, California. Except as so admitted,
15 Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 9 of the CC.

16 10. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 10 of the CC.

17 11. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 11 of the CC.

18 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

19 12. Without admitting that YMTC has standing to maintain this lawsuit, Micron admits
20 the allegations of paragraph 12 of the CC.

21 13. Micron admits that the Court has personal jurisdiction over Micron for purposes of
22 this action. Except as so admitted, Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 13 of the CC.

23 14. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 14 of the CC.

24 15. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 15 of the CC.

25 16. Micron admits that venue for this action is proper in this judicial district. Except as
26 so admitted, Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 16 of the CC.

27 17. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 17 of the CC.

1 **DIVISIONAL ASSIGNMENT**

2 18. Micron admits that, under General Order No. 44, this district maintains a district-
3 wide system of assignment for “intellectual property rights” actions. Except as so admitted, Micron
4 denies the allegations of paragraph 18 of the CC.

5 **YMTC’S ALLEGED INNOVATIONS AND PATENTS**

6 19. Micron admits that YMTC has a wholly-owned subsidiary, YMTC Inc., in this
7 judicial district. Micron further admits that YMTC supplies 3D NAND products on a global basis,
8 including in the United States. Micron denies the second sentence of paragraph 19 of the CC.
9 Except as so admitted and denied, Micron lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a
10 belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 19 of the CC and, on that basis, denies them.

11 20. Micron denies the last sentence of paragraph 20 of the CC. Except as so denied,
12 Micron lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations
13 in paragraph 20 of the CC and, on that basis, denies them.

14 21. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 21 of the CC.

15 22. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 22 of the CC.

16 **MICRON’S ACCUSED PRODUCTS AND ACTIVITIES**

17 23. Micron admits that MTI is an industry leader in innovative computer-memory and
18 data-storage solutions, including 3D NAND. Except as so admitted, Micron denies the allegations
19 of paragraph 23 of the CC.

20 24. Micron admits that MTI and/or one or more of its subsidiaries has designed, made,
21 used, sold, and/or offered for sale 96-Layer 3D NAND memory products, including products with
22 the B27A design ID. Micron lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
23 truth of the allegations in the second sentence of paragraph 24 of the CC and, on that basis, denies
24 them. Except as so admitted and denied, Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 24 of the CC.

25 25. Micron admits that MTI and/or one or more of its subsidiaries has designed, made,
26 used, sold, and/or offered for sale 128-Layer 3D NAND memory products, including products with
27 the B37R design ID. Micron lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
28 truth of the allegations in the second sentence of paragraph 25 of the CC and, on that basis, denies

1 them. Except as so admitted and denied, Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 25 of the CC.

2 26. Micron admits that MTI and/or one or more of its subsidiaries has designed, made,
3 used, sold, and/or offered for sale 176-Layer 3D NAND memory products, including products with
4 the N48R and B47R design IDs. Micron lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief
5 as to the truth of the allegations in the second and third sentences of paragraph 26 of the CC and,
6 on that basis, denies them. Except as so admitted and denied, Micron denies the allegations of
7 paragraph 26 of the CC.

8 27. Micron admits that MTI and/or one or more of its subsidiaries has designed, made,
9 used, sold, and/or offered for sale 232-Layer 3D NAND memory products, including products with
10 the B58R design ID. Micron lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
11 truth of the allegations in the second sentence of paragraph 27 of the CC and, on that basis, denies
12 them. Except as so admitted and denied, Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 27 of the CC.

13 28. Micron admits that MTI and/or one or more of its subsidiaries has designed, made,
14 used, sold, and/or offered for sale DDR5 DRAM memory products with the Y2BM design ID.
15 Micron lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations
16 in the second part of the first sentence of paragraph 28 of the CC and, on that basis, denies them.
17 Except as so admitted and denied, Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 28 of the CC.

18 29. Micron admits that YMTC purports to call certain 3D NAND products and a DDR
19 5 DRAM product as the “Accused Memory Products.” Except as so admitted, Micron denies the
20 allegations of paragraph 29 of the CC.

21 30. Micron admits that MTI and/or one or more of its subsidiaries has made, used, sold,
22 and/or offered for sale the “Accused Memory Products.” Micron further admits that various third
23 parties may use one or more of the “Accused Memory Products” in their own products and
24 solutions. Except as so admitted, Micron lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief
25 as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 30 of the CC and, on that basis, denies them.

26 31. Micron admits that MTI and/or one or more of its subsidiaries has conducted
27 research, development, and testing of the “Accused Memory Products.” Except as so admitted,
28 Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 31 of the CC.

32. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 32 of the CC.

33. Micron admits that MTI and/or one or more of its subsidiaries sells and/or offers to sell the Accused Memory Products. Except as so admitted, Micron denies the allegations of Paragraph 33 of the CC.

34. Micron admits that the micron.com website lists one or more distributors. Except admitted, Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 34 of the CC.

35. Micron admits that MTI and/or one or more of its subsidiaries has used the Accused Memory Products and has sold and/or offered to sell the Accused Memory Products to one or more customers in a number of sectors. Except as so admitted, Micron denies the allegations of Paragraph 35 of the CC.

36. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 36 of the CC.

37. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 37 of the CC.

38. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 38 of the CC.

39. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 39 of the CC.

COUNT I

40. Micron incorporates by reference and realleges its responses to all the foregoing paragraphs of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.

41. Micron admits that YMTC filed as Exhibit 1 what appears to be a copy of the '623 which is entitled "3D NAND Memory Device and Method of Forming the Same." Except admitted, Micron lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of allegations in paragraph 41 of the CC and, on that basis, denies them.

42. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 42 of the CC.

43. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 43 of the CC.

44. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 44 of the CC.

45. Micron admits that it identified numerous deficiencies in YMTC's original complaint in Micron's motion to dismiss, including YMTC's failure to plead that Micron's products use or practice one or more claim limitations of the '623 patent. Micron's motion to dismiss is filed with the Court and speaks for itself. Except as so admitted, Micron denies the allegations

of paragraph 45 of the CC.

46. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 46 of the CC.

47. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 47 of the CC.

48. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 48 of the CC.

49. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 49 of the CC.

COUNT II

50. Micron incorporates by reference and realleges its responses to all the foregoing paragraphs of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.

51. Micron admits that YMTC filed as Exhibit 2 what appears to be a copy of the '822 patent, which is entitled "Non-Volatile Memory Device and Control Method." Except as so admitted, Micron lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 51 of the CC and, on that basis, denies them.

52. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 52 of the CC.

53. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 53 of the CC.

54. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 54 of the CC.

55. Micron admits that it identified numerous deficiencies in YMTC's original complaint in Micron's motion to dismiss, including YMTC's failure to plead that Micron's products include or practice one or more claim limitations of the '822 patent. Micron's motion to dismiss is on file with the Court and speaks for itself. Except as so admitted, Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 55 of the CC.

56. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 56 of the CC.

57. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 57 of the CC.

58. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 58 of the CC.

59. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 59 of the CC.

COUNT III

60. Micron incorporates by reference and realleges its responses to all the foregoing paragraphs of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.

61. Micron admits that YMTC filed as Exhibit 3 what appears to be a copy of the '378

1 patent, which is entitled “Through Array Contact (TAC) for Three-Dimensional Memory Devices.”
2 Except as so admitted, Micron lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
3 truth of the allegations in paragraph 61 of the CC and, on that basis, denies them.

4 62. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 62 of the CC.

5 63. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 63 of the CC.

6 64. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 64 of the CC.

7 65. Micron admits that it identified numerous deficiencies in YMTC’s original
8 complaint in Micron’s motion to dismiss, including YMTC’s failure to plead that Micron’s products
9 include or practice one or more claim limitations of the ’378 patent. Micron’s motion to dismiss is
10 on file with the Court and speaks for itself. Except as so admitted, Micron denies the allegations
11 of paragraph 65 of the CC.

12 66. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 66 of the CC.

13 67. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 67 of the CC.

14 68. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 68 of the CC.

15 69. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 69 of the CC.

16 70. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 70 of the CC.

17 **COUNT IV**

18 71. Micron incorporates by reference and realleges its responses to all the foregoing
19 paragraphs of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.

20 72. Micron admits that YMTC filed as Exhibit 4 what appears to be a copy of the ’806
21 patent, which is entitled “Through Array Contact (TAC) for Three-Dimensional Memory Devices.”
22 Except as so admitted, Micron lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
23 truth of the allegations in paragraph 72 of the CC and, on that basis, denies them.

24 73. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 73 of the CC.

25 74. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 74 of the CC.

26 75. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 75 of the CC.

27 76. Micron admits that it identified numerous deficiencies in YMTC’s original
28 complaint in Micron’s motion to dismiss, including YMTC’s failure to plead that Micron’s products

1 include or practice one or more claim limitations of the '806 patent. Micron's motion to dismiss is
2 on file with the Court and speaks for itself. Except as so admitted, Micron denies the allegations
3 of paragraph 76 of the CC.

4 77. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 77 of the CC.

5 78. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 78 of the CC.

6 79. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 79 of the CC.

7 80. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 80 of the CC.

8 81. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 81 of the CC.

9 **COUNT V**

10 82. Micron incorporates by reference and realleges its responses to all the foregoing
11 paragraphs of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.

12 83. Micron admits that YMTC filed as Exhibit 5 what appears to be a copy of the '872
13 patent, which is entitled "Three-Dimensional Memory Device and Method for Forming the Same."
14 Except as so admitted, Micron lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
15 truth of the allegations in paragraph 83 of the CC and, on that basis, denies them.

16 84. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 84 of the CC.

17 85. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 85 of the CC.

18 86. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 86 of the CC.

19 87. Micron admits that it identified numerous deficiencies in YMTC's original
20 complaint in Micron's motion to dismiss, including YMTC's failure to plead that Micron's products
21 include or practice one or more claim limitations of the '872 patent. Micron's motion to dismiss is
22 on file with the Court and speaks for itself. Except as so admitted, Micron denies the allegations
23 of paragraph 87 of the CC.

24 88. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 88 of the CC.

25 89. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 89 of the CC.

26 90. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 90 of the CC.

27 91. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 91 of the CC.

1 **COUNT VI**

2 92. Micron incorporates by reference and realleges its responses to all the foregoing
3 paragraphs of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.

4 93. Micron admits that YMTC filed as Exhibit 6 what appears to be a copy of the '957
5 patent, which is entitled "Architecture and Method for NAND Memory Operation." Except as so
6 admitted, Micron lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the
7 allegations in paragraph 93 of the CC and, on that basis, denies them.

8 94. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 94 of the CC.

9 95. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 95 of the CC.

10 96. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 96 of the CC.

11 97. Micron admits that it identified numerous deficiencies in YMTC's original
12 complaint in Micron's motion to dismiss, including YMTC's failure to plead that Micron's products
13 include or practice one or more claim limitations of the '957 patent. Micron's motion to dismiss is
14 on file with the Court and speaks for itself. Except as so admitted, Micron denies the allegations
15 of paragraph 97 of the CC.

16 98. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 98 of the CC.

17 99. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 99 of the CC.

18 100. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 100 of the CC.

19 101. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 101 of the CC.

20 **COUNT VII**

21 102. Micron incorporates by reference and realleges its responses to all the foregoing
22 paragraphs of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.

23 103. Micron admits that YMTC filed as Exhibit 7 what appears to be a copy of the '342
24 patent, which is entitled "Method for Reading Three-Dimensional Flash Memory." Except as so
25 admitted, Micron lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the
26 allegations in paragraph 106 of the CC and, on that basis, denies them.

27 104. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 104 of the CC.

28 105. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 105 of the CC.

106. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 106 of the CC.

107. Micron admits that it identified numerous deficiencies in YMTC's original complaint in Micron's motion to dismiss, including YMTC's failure to plead that Micron's products include or practice one or more claim limitations of the '342 patent. Micron's motion to dismiss is on file with the Court and speaks for itself. Except as so admitted, Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 107 of the CC.

108. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 108 of the CC.

109. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 109 of the CC.

110. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 110 of the CC.

111. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 111 of the CC.

COUNT VIII

112. Micron incorporates by reference and realleges its responses to all the foregoing paragraphs of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.

113. Micron admits that YMTC filed as Exhibit 8 what appears to be a copy of the '031 patent, which is entitled “Multiple-Stack Three-Dimensional Memory Device and Fabrication Method Thereof.” Except as so admitted, Micron lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 113 of the CC and, on that basis, denies them.

114. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 114 of the CC.

115. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 115 of the CC.

116. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 116 of the CC.

117. Micron admits that it identified numerous deficiencies in YMTC's original complaint in Micron's motion to dismiss, including YMTC's failure to plead that Micron's products include or practice one or more claim limitations of the '031 patent. Micron's motion to dismiss is on file with the Court and speaks for itself. Except as so admitted, Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 117 of the CC.

118. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 118 of the CC.

119. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 119 of the CC.

120. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 120 of the CC.

121. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 121 of the CC.

COUNT IX

122. Micron incorporates by reference and realleges its responses to all the foregoing paragraphs of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.

123. Micron admits that YMTC filed as Exhibit 9 what appears to be a copy of the '254 patent, which is entitled "Three-Dimensional Memory Devices Having Through Array Contacts And Methods For Forming The Same." Except as so admitted, Micron lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 123 of the CC and, on that basis, denies them.

124. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 124 of the CC.

125. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 125 of the CC.

126. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 126 of the CC.

127. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 127 of the CC.

128. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 128 of the CC.

COUNT X

129. Micron incorporates by reference and realleges its responses to all the foregoing paragraphs of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.

130. Micron admits that YMTC filed as Exhibit 10 what appears to be a copy of the '322 patent, which is entitled "Three-Dimensional Memory Devices Having Through Array Contacts And Methods For Forming The Same." Except as so admitted, Micron lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 130 of the CC and, on that basis, denies them.

131. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 131 of the CC.

132. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 132 of the CC.

133. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 133 of the CC.

COUNT XI

134. Micron incorporates by reference and realleges its responses to all the foregoing

1 paragraphs of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.

2 135. Micron admits that YMTC filed as Exhibit 11 what appears to be a copy of the '291
3 patent, which is entitled "Joint Opening Structures Of Three-Dimensional Memory Devices And
4 Methods For Forming The Same." Except as so admitted, Micron lacks knowledge or information
5 sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 135 of the CC and, on that
6 basis, denies them.

7 136. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 136 of the CC.

8 137. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 137 of the CC.

9 138. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 138 of the CC.

10 139. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 139 of the CC.

11 140. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 140 of the CC.

12 **COUNT XII**

13 141. Micron incorporates by reference and realleges its responses to all the foregoing
14 paragraphs of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.

15 142. Micron admits that YMTC filed as Exhibit 12 what appears to be a copy of the '532
16 patent, which is entitled "Joint Opening Structures of Three-Dimensional Memory Devices and
17 Methods For Forming the Same." Except as so admitted, Micron lacks knowledge or information
18 sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 142 of the CC and, on that
19 basis, denies them.

20 143. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 143 of the CC.

21 144. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 144 of the CC.

22 145. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 145 of the CC.

23 146. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 146 of the CC.

24 147. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 147 of the CC.

25 **COUNT XIII**

26 148. Micron incorporates by reference and realleges its responses to all the foregoing
27 paragraphs of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.

28 149. Micron admits that YMTC filed as Exhibit 13 what appears to be a copy of the '666

1 patent, which is entitled “Staircase Structure For Memory Device.” Except as so admitted, Micron
2 lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in
3 paragraph 149 of the CC and, on that basis, denies them.

4 150. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 150 of the CC.

5 151. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 151 of the CC.

6 152. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 152 of the CC.

7 153. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 153 of the CC.

8 **COUNT XIV**

9 154. Micron incorporates by reference and realleges its responses to all the foregoing
10 paragraphs of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.

11 155. Micron admits that YMTC filed as Exhibit 14 what appears to be a copy of the ’604
12 patent, which is entitled “Staircase Structure In Three-Dimensional Memory Device And Method
13 For Forming The Same.” Except as so admitted, Micron lacks knowledge or information sufficient
14 to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 155 of the CC and, on that basis,
15 denies them.

16 156. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 156 of the CC.

17 157. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 157 of the CC.

18 158. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 158 of the CC.

19 159. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 159 of the CC.

20 160. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 160 of the CC.

21 **COUNT XV**

22 161. Micron incorporates by reference and realleges its responses to all the foregoing
23 paragraphs of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.

24 162. Micron admits that YMTC filed as Exhibit 15 what appears to be a copy of the ’711
25 patent, which is entitled “Word Line Contact Structure For Three-Dimensional Memory Devices
26 And Fabrication Methods Thereof.” Except as so admitted, Micron lacks knowledge or information
27 sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 162 of the CC and, on that
28 basis, denies them.

163. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 163 of the CC.

164. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 164 of the CC.

165. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 165 of the CC.

166. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 166 of the CC.

COUNT XVI

167. Micron incorporates by reference and realleges its responses to all the foregoing paragraphs of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.

168. Micron admits that YMTC filed as Exhibit 16 what appears to be a copy of the '276 patent, which is entitled "Word Line Contact Structure For Three-Dimensional Memory Devices And Fabrication Methods Thereof." Except as so admitted, Micron lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 168 of the CC and, on that basis, denies them.

169. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 169 of the CC.

170. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 170 of the CC.

171. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 171 of the CC.

172. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 172 of the CC.

173. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 173 of the CC.

COUNT XVII

174. Micron incorporates by reference and realleges its responses to all the foregoing paragraphs of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.

175. Micron admits that YMTC filed as Exhibit 17 what appears to be a copy of the '941 patent, which is entitled “Memory Including a Plurality of Portions and Used For Reducing Program Disturbance And Program Method Thereof.” Except as so admitted, Micron lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 175 of the CC and, on that basis, denies them.

176. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 176 of the CC.

177. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 177 of the CC.

178. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 178 of the CC.

179. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 179 of the CC.

180. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 180 of the CC.

COUNT XVIII

181. Micron incorporates by reference and realleges its responses to all the foregoing paragraphs of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.

182. Micron admits that YMTC filed as Exhibit 18 what appears to be a copy of the '164 patent, which is entitled “Integrated Circuit Electrostatic Discharge Bus Structure And Related Methods.” Except as so admitted, Micron lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 182 of the CC and, on that basis, denies them.

183. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 183 of the CC.

184. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 184 of the CC.

185. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 185 of the CC.

186. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 186 of the CC.

187. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 187 of the CC.

COUNT XIX

188. Micron incorporates by reference and realleges its responses to all the foregoing paragraphs of this Answer as if fully set forth herein.

189. Micron admits that YMTC filed as Exhibit 19 what appears to be a copy of the '838 patent, which is entitled “Staircase Structure For Memory Device.” Except as so admitted, Micron lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 189 of the CC and, on that basis, denies them.

190. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 190 of the CC.

191. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 191 of the CC.

192. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 192 of the CC.

193. Micron denies the allegations of paragraph 193 of the CC.

PLAINTIFF'S PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Micron denies that YMTC is entitled to any relief whatsoever in this action, either as prayed for in the CC or otherwise.

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1 **Sixth Defense: Government Sales**

2 7. YMTC's claims are barred in whole or in part by 28 U.S.C. § 1498 to the extent
3 they relate to use or manufacture of the alleged inventions of the Asserted Patents by or for the
4 United States.

5 **Seventh Defense: Standing**

6 8. Micron is not liable for the acts that YMTC alleges infringe the '254 patent (Count
7 IX) and the '322 patent (Count X) because YMTC lacks standing to assert the '254 and '322
8 patents. MTI is the true owner of the '254 and '322 patents by virtue of the assignment agreement
9 entered into between Hongbin Zhu, one of the named inventors on the '254 and '322 patents, and
10 MTI. Hongbin Zhu assigned all right, title and interest in the claimed invention that is the subject
11 matter of the '254 patent and the '322 patent to Micron during his employment at MTI. His
12 assignment predates the priority dates of the '254 patent and the '322 patent.

13 **Eighth Defense: Estoppel**

14 9. YMTC is estopped from asserting the claims of the '254 and '322 patents against
15 Micron because it is not the true owner of the '254 and '322 patents.

16 **MTI'S COUNTERCLAIMS**

17 Defendant and Counterclaim Plaintiff MTI hereby submits its counterclaims against
18 Plaintiff and Counterclaim Defendant YMTC and Defendant YMTC Inc. (collectively the "YMTC
19 Entities") as follows:

20 **Nature of the Action**

21 1. MTI asserts these patent infringement claims against the YMTC Entities arising
22 from their infringement of U.S. Patent Nos. 8,945,996 (the "'996 patent") and 10,872,903 (the
23 "'903 patent") (collectively, the "MTI Asserted Patents"). On information and belief, each of the
24 YMTC Entities has committed the acts of infringement described herein individually and together
25 as one enterprise.

26 2. MTI also asserts a counterclaim for declaratory judgment of ownership of the '254
27 and '322 patents.

1 **The Parties**

2 3. MTI is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 8000 South
3 Federal Way, Boise, Idaho 83716.

4 4. On information and belief, YMTC is a Chinese company with its principal place of
5 business at No.88 Weilai 3rd Road, East Lake High-tech Development Zone, Wuhan, Hubei, China.

6 5. On information and belief, YMTC Inc. is a California corporation with its principal
7 place of business at 2953 Bunker Hill Lane, Ste. 206, Santa Clara, California 95054.

8 **Jurisdiction and Venue**

9 6. MTI brings these counterclaims under the Patent Laws of the United States, 35
10 U.S.C. §§ 1 et seq., and the Declaratory Judgment Act 28 U.S.C. § 2201, *et seq.*, against the YMTC
11 Entities for their infringement of the MTI Asserted Patents and to obtain declaratory relief as to
12 MTI's ownership of the '254 and '322 patents, respectively.

13 7. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over MTI's counterclaims pursuant to 28
14 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338(a), and 1367.

15 8. This Court has personal jurisdiction over YMTC, which is the plaintiff in this action.
16 Further, YMTC has committed acts of infringement in this District through its business and sales
17 activities in the Northern District of California, including directly and/or indirectly selling, offering
18 for sale, importing, and/or using products that practice (or are made in a manner that practices) one
19 or more claims of the MTI Asserted Patents.

20 9. This Court has personal jurisdiction over YMTC Inc., which has its principal place
21 of business in Santa Clara, California, in this judicial District. Further, YMTC Inc. has committed
22 acts of infringement in this District through its business and sales activities in the Northern District
23 of California, including directly and/or indirectly selling, offering for sale, importing, and/or using
24 products that practice (or are made in a manner that practices) one or more claims of the MTI
25 Asserted Patents.

26 10. Venue over these counterclaims is proper in this District. YMTC is a foreign
27 company and filed the underlying lawsuit in this District. YMTI resides in this District, has a
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1 regular and established place of business in the District, and has committed acts of infringement in
2 this District.

3 11. YMTC claims to be the owner by assignment of the entire right, title, and interest
4 in the '254 and '322 patents.

5 12. An immediate, real, and justiciable controversy exists between MTI and YMTC
6 with respect to the ownership of the '254 and '322 patents by virtue of YMTC's claim that MTI
7 infringes the '254 and '322 patents.

8 **MTI's Innovations and Patents**

9 13. MTI was founded in 1978 and is headquartered in Boise, Idaho. Since that time,
10 MTI has become a world leader in innovative computer-memory and data-storage solutions,
11 employing more than 43,000 employees worldwide with more than 5,000 employees in Idaho. Ex.
12 1 at 2; Ex. 2 at 5.

13 14. MTI is the only U.S.-based manufacturer of semiconductor memory devices, and its
14 presence in the U.S. is growing. MTI recently announced plans to invest approximately \$15 billion
15 through the end of the decade to construct a new memory manufacturing plant in Boise and up to
16 \$100 billion over the next 20-plus years to build a fab near Syracuse, New York. Exs. 3-4. MTI's
17 commitment to innovation is evident from its expansive patent portfolio that includes over 54,000
18 patents. Ex 1 at 2.

19 15. For over a decade, MTI has been at the forefront of developing new and innovative
20 3D NAND memory products. In March 2015, MTI launched its first 3D NAND product, a 32-
21 layer high density memory chip. Ex. 5. Doing so required years of research and development
22 before the product launch. These efforts led MTI to file dozens of patents on 3D NAND technology
23 long before the product launch. Indeed, MTI described innovative 3D NAND arrays in patents it
24 filed well before 2015. Exs. 6-7.

25 16. Since its initial 3D NAND product launch in 2015, MTI has continued to lead the
26 world in 3D NAND innovation by developing and offering chips with greater memory capacity and
27 capabilities. In early 2018, MTI doubled the number of layers in its 3D NAND products, releasing
28 its 64-layer 3D NAND. Ex. 8. Thereafter, in 2019, MTI sampled its 128-layer 3D NAND (Ex. 9

1 at 7) and, in 2020, MTI was the first company in the world to launch 176-layer 3D NAND. Ex. 10.
2 In July 2022, MTI became the first company to scale its 3D NAND technology to 232-layers in
3 production. Ex. 11. MTI has received numerous awards for and widespread recognition of its
4 innovative 3D NAND technology. *See, e.g.*, Exs. 12-14.

5 **The Accused YMTC Products and the YMTC Entities' Infringing Activities**

6 17. YMTC is a global manufacturer and supplier of 3D NAND memory products.
7 YMTC was founded in 2016 and is majority-owned by the Chinese government. Ex. 15. YMTC's
8 founding followed the 2015 announcement of the Made in China 2025 initiative by Chinese
9 President Xi Jinping. Ex. 16. The Made in China 2025 initiative positioned semiconductors as a
10 critical growth industry for the Chinese economy. *Id.* The Chinese Government's investment
11 platform for funding the expansion of its semiconductor industry is the National Integrated Circuit
12 Industry Investment Fund, more commonly known as the "Big Fund." *Id.*

13 18. Latecomer YMTC has developed four generations of NAND storage devices since
14 its founding in 2016: a first-generation 3D NAND storage technology incorporating a 32-layer 3D
15 NAND memory array, a second-generation 3D NAND storage technology incorporating at least a
16 64-layer 3D NAND memory array, a third-generation 3D NAND storage technology incorporating
17 at least a 128-layer 3D NAND memory array, and a fourth generation 3D NAND storage
18 technology incorporating at least a 232-layer 3D NAND memory array. Ex. 17.

19 19. Unsurprisingly, given MTI's nearly decade long head start over YMTC into 3D
20 NAND memory development, the YMTC Entities began to hire NAND engineers from MTI or its
21 affiliates and has hired at least 20 such engineers to date. Indeed, at least seven of the named
22 inventors on the YMTC Asserted Patents (*see* Dkt. No. 1) previously worked as engineers on 3D
23 NAND R&D at Micron before they filed the YMTC Asserted Patents. One such named inventor
24 is Hongbin Zhu.

25 20. On or around January 9, 2006, MTI hired Hongbin Zhu as an engineer. In
26 consideration of providing employment to Mr. Zhu, Mr. Zhu agreed to "assign and agree to assign
27 to [MTI], or its designee, all of [his] right, title and interest in and to all inventions, discoveries,
28 ideas, processes, works of authorship, mask works, drawings, logos, developments, concepts, and

1 improvements...whether or not patentable, copyrightable, or subject to other forms of protection,
2 made, created, developed, written, reduced to practice, or conceived by [him], in whole or in part,
3 either solely or jointly with others, during the period of time [he is] in the employ of or providing
4 service to [MTI], whether during or outside of regular working hours.” Ex. 18 at 1 (Assignment
5 Agreement between Hongbin Zhu and MTI).

6 21. During his 11 years at MTI, Mr. Zhu had access to information about the
7 development of Micron’s 3D NAND technology, including on the designs for its 128-Layer and
8 176-Layer 3D NAND products. Mr. Zhu was also involved with the development of the Micron
9 Accused Products, specifically the B37R product. Among other things, Mr. Zhu knew about MTI’s
10 development of alternating multiple-tier stack structures, the formation of channel structures
11 through the stack, the formation of openings that extend through the stack, spacers on the sidewall
12 of the openings, through array contacts that bury into the substrate, and slit structures that separate
13 the memory stack.

14 22. Then, on September 18, 2017, after 11 years at MTI, Mr. Zhu left the company.
15 Thereafter, Mr. Zhu joined YMTC, where, based on information and belief, he has served as
16 YMTC’s vice president of research and development. On information and belief, while at YMTC,
17 Mr. Zhu also worked on the development of alternating multiple-tier stack structures, the formation
18 of channel structures through the stack, the formation of openings that extend through the stack,
19 spacers on the sidewall of the openings, through array contacts that bury into the substrate, and slit
20 structures that separate the memory stack, which is the subject matter of at least the ’322 and ’254
21 patents that were filed by YMTC.

22 23. On November 21, 2020, YMTC filed Patent Application No. 17/100,847, which
23 claims priority to PCT/CN2018/101482, filed on August 21, 2018, and issued as the ’322 patent on
24 February 14, 2023. The ’322 patent names Mr. Zhu as an inventor and claims technologies that
25 Mr. Zhu learned of and worked on while at Micron.

26 24. On January 17, 2020, YMTC filed Patent Application No. 16/745,343, which claims
27 priority to PCT/CN2018/101482, filed on August 21, 2018, and issued as the ’254 patent on
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December 29, 2020. The '254 patent names Mr. Zhu as an inventor and claims technologies that Mr. Zhu learned of and worked on while at Micron.

25. The YMTC Entities have directly and/or indirectly used, sold, offered for sale, imported, supplied, or otherwise distributed into the United States, and provided support for, their 128-layer 3D NAND storage technology and products containing the same (collectively, the "YMTC 128L Accused Products"), including the X2-6070 and other memory chips (and memory products containing the same) that have the same or similar structures, features, or functionalities, and/or are made by the same or similar Xtacking® 2.0 technology manufacturing processes, as the aforementioned exemplary product. YMTC makes the YMTC 128L Accused Products in China.

26. For example, as set forth in YMTC's Patent Local Rule 3-4 contentions and accompanying document production (YMTC-MICRON_0009683), YMTC has imported into and sold in the United States YMTC 128L Accused Products, product numbers YMN09TC1B1JC6C_000 and YMN09TC1B1HC6C_000, within the last six years.

27. On information and belief, YMTC controls and has controlled YMTC Inc.

28. YMTC admits that it is "dedicated to the development of memory products for the global market" and that it "maintains ties to Silicon Valley through a wholly-owned subsidiary, Yangtze Memory Technologies, Inc." Dkt. No. 29 ¶ 24.

Counterclaim I
(Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 8,945,996)

29. MTI restates and incorporates by reference its allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 28 of its Counterclaims.

30. MTI, owns all right, title, and interest, including the right to recover damages for past, present, and future infringement, in and to U.S. Patent No. 8,945,996, entitled "Methods of forming circuitry components and methods of forming an array of memory cells." A true and correct copy of the '996 patent is attached as Exhibit 19.

31. The '996 patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on Feb. 3, 2015.

32. The YMTC Entities have infringed at least claims 1-4, 6-10, 12, 13, 16-18, 23-26, 28, 30, and 32 of the '996 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271(g), literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, by directly or indirectly importing into the United States at least the YMTC 128L Accused Products, including at least product numbers YMN09TC1B1JC6C_000 and YMN09TC1B1HC6C_000, which are made outside the United States using the patented processes of at least the foregoing claims, are not materially changed by subsequent processes, and are not a trivial and nonessential component of another product.

33. The YMTC 128L Accused Products are made with, used to perform, and/or practice each and every limitation of at least claims 1-4, 6-10, 12, 13, 16-18, 23-26, 28, 30, and 32 of the '996 patent. A claim chart providing examples of how the YMTC 128L Accused Products practice the foregoing claims is attached as Exhibit 20 hereto and is incorporated by reference herein.

34. YMTC makes the YMTC 128L Accused Products in China in accordance with the methods claimed in at least claims 1-4, 6-10, 12, 13, 16-18, 23-26, 28, 30, and 32 of the '996 patent.

35. As a result of the YMTC Entities' infringement of the '996 patent, MTI is entitled to monetary damages in an amount adequate to compensate for the YMTC Entities' infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by the YMTC Entities, together with interest and costs as fixed by the Court.

Counterclaim II
(Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 10,872,903)

36. MTI restates and incorporates by reference its allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 35 of its Counterclaims.

37. MTI, owns all right, title, and interest, including the right to recover damages for past, present, and future infringement, in and to U.S. Patent No. 10,872,903, entitled “Three dimensional memory and methods of forming the same.” A true and correct copy of the ’903 patent is attached as Exhibit 21.

38. The '903 patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on Dec. 22, 2020.

39. The YMTC Entities have infringed at least claims 1-3, 5, 7-9, and 17-20 of the '903 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, by using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing into the United States, without authorization, the YMTC 128L Accused Products, including at least product numbers YMN09TC1B1JC6C_000 and YMN09TC1B1HC6C_000.

40. The YMTC 128L Accused Products are used to perform and/or practice each and every limitation of at least claims 1-3, 5, 7-9, and 17-20 of the '903 patent. A claim chart providing examples of how the YMTC 128L Accused Products practice each limitation of at least the foregoing claims is attached as Exhibit 22 hereto and is incorporated by reference herein.

41. There are no marking requirements with which Micron and its licensees have not complied for the period before February 2, 2024. Micron has not made, used, sold, offered for sale, or imported into the United States any “patented articles” under the ’903 patent. Moreover, on information and belief, prior to February 2, 2024, none of Micron’s licensees made, used, sold, offered for sale, or imported into the United States any “patented articles” under the ’903 patent.

42. The YMTC Entities had actual notice of their infringement of the '903 patent on February 16, 2024, the date Micron filed its Answer to First Amended Complaint and Counterclaims (Dkt. No. 35).

43. As a result of the YMTC Entities' infringement of the '903 patent, MTI is entitled to monetary damages in an amount adequate to compensate for the YMTC Entities' infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by the YMTC Entities, together with interest and costs as fixed by the Court.

Counterclaim III
(Declaratory Judgment of Ownership of the '322 patent)

44. MTI restates and incorporates by reference its allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 43 of its Counterclaims.

45. MTI is the true owner of the '322 patent by virtue of the assignment agreement entered into between Hongbin Zhu, one of the named inventors on the '322 patent, and MTI. Hongbin Zhu assigned all right, title and interest in the claimed invention that is the subject matter

1 of the '322 patent to MTI during his employment at MTI. His assignment predates the priority date
2 of the '322 patent.

3 46. MTI holds equitable title to the '322 patent.

4 47. As such, MTI seeks declaratory relief that it is the sole and exclusive owner of the
5 '322 patent or, in the alternative, that it owns a pro rata undivided interest in the '322 patent, and
6 seeks transfer of legal title from YMTC to MTI.

7 **Counterclaim IV**
8 **(Declaratory Judgment of Ownership of the '254 patent)**

9 48. MTI restates and incorporates by reference its allegations in Paragraphs 1 through
10 47 of its Counterclaims.

11 49. MTI is the true owner of the '254 patent by virtue of the assignment agreement
12 entered into between Hongbin Zhu, one of the named inventors on the '254 patent, and MTI.
13 Hongbin Zhu assigned all right, title and interest in the claimed invention that is the subject matter
14 of the '254 patent to MTI during his employment at MTI. His assignment predates the priority date
15 of the '254 patent.

16 50. MTI holds equitable title to the '254 patent.

17 51. As such, MTI seeks declaratory relief that it is the sole and exclusive owner of the
18 '254 patent or, in the alternative, that it owns a pro rata undivided interest in the '254 patent, seeks
19 transfer of legal title from YMTC to MTI.

20 **DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL**

21 Defendants and counterclaim plaintiff request a jury trial on all issues related to YMTC's
22 claims and MTI's counterclaims that are so triable.

23 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

24 WHEREFORE, having fully answered, Micron pray that the Court enter judgment as
25 follows:

26 A. A judgment in favor of Micron and against YMTC on all of YMTC's claims,
27 including a dismissal with prejudice of all of YMTC's claims;

1 B. A judgment declaring that Micron has not infringed, contributed to the infringement
2 of, or induced others to infringe, either directly or indirectly, literally or under the doctrine of
3 equivalents, any valid claims of the YMTC Asserted Patents;

4 C. A judgment declaring that the YMTC Asserted Patents are invalid;

5 D. A judgment declaring that this YMTC's case against Micron is exceptional and an
6 award to Micron of its reasonable costs and expenses of litigation, including attorneys' fees and
7 expert witness fees;

8 E. A judgment declaring that YMTC lacks standing to assert the '254 and '322 patents;

9 F. A judgment declaring that YMTC is estopped from asserting the '254 and '322
10 patents;

11 G. A judgment in favor of MTI and against the YMTC Entities on all of MTI's
12 Counterclaims;

13 H. A judgment in favor of MTI that the YMTC Entities have infringed, either literally
14 and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of each of the MTI Asserted Patents;

15 I. An order pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283 enjoining the YMTC Entities and their
16 subsidiaries, parents, divisions, affiliates, successors, assigns, transferees, officers, directors,
17 attorneys, agents, servants, employees, privies, and all other persons in active concert or
18 participation with any of the foregoing, from continued acts of infringement of the claims of the
19 MTI Asserted Patents;

20 J. A judgment and order requiring the YMTC Entities to pay MTI its damages, costs,
21 expenses, and pre-judgment and post-judgment interest for the YMTC Entities' infringement;

22 K. If a permanent injunction is not granted, then a judicial determination of the
23 conditions for the YMTC Entities future infringement, such as an ongoing royalty;

24 L. A judgment declaring that MTI is the sole and exclusive owner of all right, title and
25 interest in the '254 and '322 patents;

26 M. A judgment compelling YMTC to transfer legal title of the '254 and '322 patents to
27 MTI;

1 N. A judgment declaring that MTI's case against the YMTC Entities is exceptional and
2 an award to MTI of its reasonable costs and expenses of litigation, including attorneys' fees and
3 expert witness fees;

4 O. All other relief that the Court deems just and proper.

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